positioning a vertex at a position corresponding to an end of said removed lowest-importance-value line segment.

135. (new)   The device of claim 109, wherein said processor is programmed to generate an intermediate configuration of said image data by decreasing a length of said lowest-importance-value line segment.

136. (new)   The device of claim 109, wherein said processor is programmed to reconfigure said framework by generating a new vertex to replace a previous vertex located at an end of said removed, lowest-importance-value line segment.
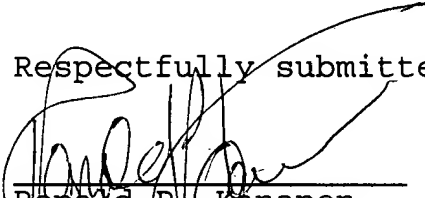
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is requested to place the pending claims in a better form for the initial examination.

Additionally, a substitute specification which was accepted in the parent application, U.S. Serial No., 08/755,129, is filed herewith to correct informalities in the specification. The undersigned hereby certifies that no new material has been added.

Entry of this amendment, including the attached substitute specification, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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